

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2010 – REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on August 16, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room # 102B), Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6th Street, Coupeville, Washington. Helen Price Johnson, Chair, Angie Homola, Member, and John Dean, Member were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT OR COMMENTS (Record @ :35)

Charlona Sawyer voiced her concerns with Proposition 1:

- The proposition does not define “essential services” or “public safety.”
- The proposition does not establish what percent of the property tax increase will be used for public safety.
- The level of property tax achieved in 2015 will become the base from which future property taxes are calculated; meaning, compounding property tax increases. Passage of the proposition harms the citizenry by raising taxes permanently.
- The passage of Proposition 1 would mean giving approval to raise property taxes to an undetermined dollar amount for an undetermined amount of time.
- The Commissioners should exercise responsible financial management of only necessary county services.

(Copy of written statement on file with the Clerk of the Board)

Bob Baker asked for the following information from the Board concerning its contract with WAIF:

- The location of state-mandated legend drug logs required of any shelter that performs euthanasia. Who maintains and submits those logs to the state? If the logs do not exist Dr. Baker asked the Board to contact the State Board of Pharmacy and request an investigation.
- The Board’s position in writing regarding WAIF’s refusal to honor public records requests and hold open meetings.
- If no standard exists to account for how the contractor is spending tax dollars, Dr. Baker asked the Board to notify the State Auditor and request a full audit of possible missing or misused public funds.

(Copy of written statement and attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board)

[MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS BY AUDITOR AND TREASURER \(Click here\)](#)

(Record @ 8:22)

CONSENT AGENDA (Record @ 16:00)

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

BY UNANIMOUS MOTION (3-0) the Board approved the following items presented on the Consent Agenda:

Pre-audited bills and vouchers for payment: Voucher #s: 400134-400288 - \$586,442.46

EFTs (electronic funds transfers): \$251,665.83

Minutes from previous meeting(s): Work Session – July 7, 2010

Payroll dated August 13, 2010

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Extension Services

Appendix A to Memorandum of Agreement between Washington State University Extension and Island County. This Amendment extends the Agreement date to December 31, 2010. Amount: \$18,283.36 (RM-WSU-10-0335)

Human Services

Contract with Washington Vocational Services. Contract Amendment No. HS-08-09(1) \$246,293 to provide developmental disability programs. (RM-10-321)

Public Health

Contract Collection Agreement with Whidbey Island Bank for On-Site Septic Repair Financial Assistance Loan (Allen)

Liquor Licenses

- Letter Request for 20-day Extension for Approval of New Application for Liquor License No. 406934-6E by Applicants Eric R. Stallman and Katherine A. Stallman, Trade name: Kayak Spirits Distillery, 5490 Cameron Rd., Freeland, WA
- Letter Request for 20-day Extension for Approval of New Application for Liquor License No. 406938-6E by Applicants Alvaro Lobon Vega, Andrew Jackson Adams and Rio Carmen Rayne, Trade name: Live Edge Farm, 7030 Sills Rd., Clinton, WA

REGULAR AGENDA (Record @ 25:03)

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

Consider Appointments and/or Re-Appointments to Boards and Committees

Resignation of Julia Hodson as a representative on the Keystone Ferry Advisory Committee

IT WAS MOVED BY DEAN, SECONDED BY HOMOLA, to accept Ms. Hodson's resignation.

Public Hearings

None scheduled

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Record @ 27:00)

Commissioner Homola

- The Commissioner thanked Chair Price Johnson for her work with Washington State Ferries.
- Attended Saturday the Saratoga Housing Authority auction annual fundraiser.
- Attended the Swan Lake Watershed Preservation Group's annual picnic Saturday.
- Report from the Northwest Clean Air Agency (NWCA) meeting where it was agreed to increase fees to users rather than to taxpayers (50% this year/50% next year to enable the NWCA to meet expenses). Available grants will be more flexible than in past years. Mayor Conard, with a Marine Resources Committee representative, spoke with Northwest Clean Air about getting Island County on board with the energy audit. Once on board, the County would then be eligible for more grant funding. The Commissioner will bring to a future Work Session the issue in greater detail.

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- Met with Mike McIntyre with the Oak Harbor Senior Center about the impacts to seniors if there is a funding cut to the program. The County could stand to lose \$5 to \$7 million in funding from federal and state grants, essentially unraveling the senior program.
- The Commissioner commended the Board, staff, and Elected Officials for their effort expended to convey what is a very complicated issue with regard to the levy lid lift proposal. She provided additional clarification to continued misconceptions of what the money would be used for (*if approved the money would provide for no additional cuts anticipated to be \$2 million*) and, spoke to the state of the County in 2015 should it not pass.
- The Board and staff continue in their careful review of the animal contract.

Commissioner Dean

- The Commissioner attended the WCIF/WCIP workshop concerning 2011 benefit changes. He indicated that an Executive Summary speaking to the proposed increase is forthcoming.
- There is a new bridge in Island County, spanning Stanwood and Camano Island. The ribbon cutting was on Wednesday. Senator Haugen wants the name of the bridge changed to the *Camano Gateway Bridge* and she would appreciate the Board's support.

Chair Price Johnson

- Attended a Change of Command at Naval Air Station Whidbey with her fellow Board members.
- Primary election ballots are due tomorrow, August 17.
- The Island County Fair begins on Thursday and the Chair is honored to be part of opening ceremonies this year.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m. The Board will meet next in Regular Session at 11:00 a.m. on August 23, 2010 for Roundtable, followed by agenda items at 2:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Helen Price Johnson, Chair

Angie Homola, Member

John Dean, Member

ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board